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Traffic crash closes portion of Kaumuali'i Highway on Wednesday

KŌLOA – A portion of Kaumuali'i Highway in Kōloa was closed in both directions for two hours on Wednesday following a traffic collision.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 3:13 p.m., a gold Nissan pickup operated by an 80-year-old male resident was traveling eastbound on Kaumuali'i Highway between mile markers 5 & 6 in the area commonly known as Knudsen Gap when it crossed the center line. The Nissan pickup then collided head-on with a silver Mercedes-Benz Sprinter operated by a 37-year-old female of Kalāheo. The crash caused the Mercedes-Benz to strike the guardrail on the westbound shoulder before it crossed the center line and struck a Toyota pickup operated by a 65-year-old female of Kōloa.

The 80-year-old male operator of the Nissan pickup suffered critical injuries in the crash and was transported to Wilcox Memorial Hospital in critical condition and is awaiting transfer to Queen's Medical Center on O'ahu. The 81-year-old female passenger of the Nissan was admitted to Wilcox Memorial Hospital with what appears to be non-life-threatening injuries. Furthermore, the 65-year-old female driver and 67-year-old male passenger of the Toyota pickup were also treated at Wilcox Memorial Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Lastly, the 37-year-old female operator of the Mercedes was also treated at Wilcox Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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